

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) An image storage from which the stored image is retrievable comprising:

a built-in memory of a large capacity for storing a plurality of image data taken by a digital camera;

a digital circuit for retrieving desired one of the plurality of image data from the built-in memory;

a connector for electric connection with the digital camera for data transmission therewith;

a detector capable of detecting the connection of the digital camera to the connector; and

a controller to have the image storage receive the image data transmitted from the digital camera through the connector to store the same in the built-in memory in response to the detection of the connection by the detector.

2. (Original) The image storage according to claim 1, wherein the detector includes a mechanical contact and a sensor for sensing the movement of the mechanical contact.

3. (Original) The image storage according to claim 1, wherein the controller is designed to selectively receive the image data which is retrievable by the digital circuit.

4. (Original) The image storage according to claim 1, further comprising a power source, wherein the controller automatically turns on the power source in response to the detection of the connection by the detector.

5. (Original) The image storage according to claim 1, wherein the function of the controller to have the image storage store the image data is designed to be carried out in accordance with a program, which is started in response to the detection of the connection by the detector.

6. (Original) The image storage according to claim 1, wherein the controller automatically transmits a signal to the digital camera to turn on the same in response to the detection of the connection by the detector.

7. (Original) The image storage according to claim 1, wherein the function of the controller to have the image storage receive the image data is designed to be carried out in accordance with a program, which is started in response to the detection of the connection by the detector.

8. (Original) The image storage according to claim 1, wherein the controller includes a program to automatically delete an incomplete image data which may be caused by an interruption of the data transmission from the digital camera.

9. (Original) The image storage according to claim 1, wherein the image data is managed in accordance with a directory structure in the digital camera, and wherein the controller has the image storage take over at least a part of the directory structure in the built-in memory when storing the image data transmitted from the digital camera.

10. (Original) The image storage according to claim 1, wherein the digital camera is of a type with a rechargeable power source, and the image storage further comprising a second controller to automatically allow the rechargeable power source to be charged in response to a termination of the image data transmission from the digital camera to the image storage.

11. (Original) The image storage according to claim 1, wherein the controller automatically transmits a signal to the digital camera to turn off the same in response to a termination of the image data transmission from the digital camera to the image storage.

12. (Original) The image storage according to claim 1, wherein the digital camera is of a type with a rechargeable power source, and the image storage further comprising a power source, wherein the controller automatically turns off the power source in response to a completion of a charging for the rechargeable power source of the digital camera.

13. (Original) The image storage according to claim 1, wherein the controller transmits a signal to the digital camera to delete the image data which has already been transmitted to the image storage and stored in the built-in memory.

14. (Original) The image storage according to claim 13, wherein the signal is effective to forcibly delete the image data from the digital camera even if the image data is protected against a deletion according to a digital camera setting.

15. (Original) The image storage according to claim 13, wherein an image data protected against a deletion according to a digital camera setting is not deleted by the signal.

16. (Original) The image storage according to claim 13, wherein the image storage further comprising a user interface for confirming a user in advance whether or not the signal may forcibly delete the image data from the digital camera even if the image data is protected against a deletion according to a digital camera setting.

17-31. (Canceled)

32. (Withdrawn) An image storage connectable to a television set and to a digital camera of a rechargeable type, comprising:

a first connector for electric connection with the digital camera for charging the same;

a power circuit for providing the digital camera with a power to charge the same through the first connector;

a second connector for electric connection with the digital camera for data transmission therefrom;

a memory for storing a plurality of image data transmitted from the digital camera through the second connector; and

a third connector for electric connection with the television set for data communication therewith.

33. (Withdrawn) The image storage according to claim 32, wherein the third connector includes a first terminal for receiving a control signal from the television set and a second terminal for transmitting the image data to the television.

34. (Withdrawn) An image storage connectable to a digital camera of a rechargeable type, comprising:

a first connector for electric connection with the digital camera for charging the same;

a power circuit for providing the digital camera with a power to charge the same through the first connector;

a second connector for electric connection with the digital camera for data transmission therefrom;

a memory for storing a plurality of image data transmitted from the digital camera through the second connector;

a first indicator for informing of the charging through the first connector; and

a second indicator for informing of the data transmission through the second connector.

35. (Withdrawn) An image storage connectable to a digital camera comprising:
a connector for electric connection with the digital camera for data transmission therefrom;
a memory for storing a plurality of image data transmitted from the digital camera through the connector; and
a controller for transmitting a deletion signal to the digital camera in response to a completion of the transmission of the image data from the digital camera to the image storage, the deletion signal being individually transmitted for each of the image data, whereby the digital camera individually deletes the image data each time the digital camera receives the deletion signal.

36. (Withdrawn) An image storage connectable to a digital camera comprising:
a connector for electric connection with the digital camera for data transmission therefrom;
a memory for storing a plurality of image data transmitted from the digital camera through the connector; and
a controller for transmitting a deletion signal to the digital camera in response to a completion of the transmission of the image data from the digital camera to the image storage, wherein an image data protected against a deletion according to a digital camera setting is not deleted by the signal.

37-39. (Canceled)

40. (Withdrawn) An image storage connectable to a digital camera comprising:
a connector for electric connection with the digital camera for data transmission therefrom;
a memory for storing a plurality of image data transmitted from the digital camera through the connector; and

a warning circuit for warning that the data from the digital camera is not suitable for the image storage.

41. (Withdrawn) An image storage connectable to a digital camera of a rechargeable type, the digital camera having a removable memory, comprising:

a first connector for electric connection with the digital camera for charging the same;

a power circuit for providing the digital camera with a power to charge the same through the first connector;

a second connector for electric connection with the digital camera for data transmission therefrom;

a memory for storing a plurality of image data transmitted from the digital camera through the second connector; and

a warning circuit for warning that the removable memory is not set in the digital camera.

42. (Withdrawn) An image storage connectable to a digital camera comprising:

a connector for electric connection with the digital camera for data transmission therefrom;

a memory for storing a plurality of image data transmitted from the digital camera through the connector; and

a controller for transmitting a signal to the digital camera to turn on or off the same.

43. (Withdrawn) The image storage according to claim 42, wherein the controller is designed not to transmit the signal to turn on the digital camera if the digital camera has already been made on.

44. (Withdrawn) The image storage according to claim 42, wherein the controller is designed to transmit the signal to turn off the digital camera in response to a termination of the image data transmission to the image storage through the connector.

45. (Withdrawn) An image storage from which the stored image is retrievable comprising:

a memory for storing a plurality of image data taken by a digital camera;

a digital circuit for retrieving desired one of the plurality of image data from the memory;

a connector for electric connection with the digital camera for data transmission therefrom; and

a controller for controlling the image storage to receive the image data transmitted from the digital camera through the connector to store the same in the memory, the controller controlling the image storage to selectively receive the image data which is retrievable by the digital circuit.

46. (Withdrawn) An image storage from which the stored image is retrievable comprising:

a memory for storing a plurality of image data taken by a digital camera;

a digital circuit for retrieving desired one of the plurality of image data from the memory;

a connector for electric connection with the digital camera for data transmission therefrom; and

a controller for controlling the image storage to receive the image data transmitted from the digital camera through the connector to store the same in the memory;

wherein the controller includes a program to automatically delete an incomplete image data which may be caused by an interruption of the data transmission from the digital camera.

47-75. (Canceled)

76. (New) The image storage according to claim 1 further comprising an adapter that intervenes between the digital camera and the image storage, wherein the connection and the data transmission are carried out via said adapter.

77. (New) The image storage according to claim 76, wherein the adapter includes a terminal for connecting to the digital camera when the digital camera is coupled with the adapter, and thereby the digital camera is capable of data communication with the adapter.